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SUBJECT: MAKARIOS/ALDIKACTI REMARKS ON TALKS

REF: NICOSIA 2039, 1980, 1913, 1899.

SUMMARY: MAKARIOS IN TOUGH MOOD SAYS TALKS WILL DEADLOCK IF
TURKS MAINTAIN PRESENT POSITION. DESCRIBES BAYULKEN SPEECH
AS NOT CONSTRUCTIVE. REITERATES STANDARD GOVT LINE ON
NON-VALIDITY TREATIES. STATES ATHENS TRIP NOT IMMINENT.
ALDIKACTI EXPRESSES IRRITATION OVER NEWS LEAKS. DENIES
TURKS HAVE INTRODUCED NEW SUBJECTS. END SUMMARY.

1. IN SEP 29 PRESS CONFERENCE (NICOSIA 2039),
MAKARIOS REPEATED THAT, UNLESS TURKS BACK DOWN FROM PRESENT
POSITION, INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS WILL DEADLOCK.
ARCHBISHOP DID NOT THINK BAYULKEN AND CAVALLIERATOS WOULD
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DISCUSS CYPRUS PROBLEM IN DETAIL DURING NEW YORK MEETING,

NOR WOULD MINISTERS TAKE ANY BINDING DECISIONS. AS FOR BAYULKENS ADDRESS TO UNGA (USUN 3527), MAKARIOS FELT TURKISH FONMINS SPEECH NOT RPT NOT CONSTRUCTIVE. TURK AND TURK CYPRIOT INTRANSIGENCE DOES NOT, HE SAID, PRESAGE FAVORABLE PROSPECTS FOR OUTCOME OF TALKS.

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, MAKARIOS REITERATED CYPRUS GOVT HAS CONDEMNED TREATIES OF ALLIANCE AND GUARANTEES AND DOES NOT RPT NOT REGARD THEM AS VALID. REPEATED TREATIES OUTSIDE PROVINCE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS AND INSISTED THAT QUESTION "WILL BE ADDRESSED" ON WIDER BASIS AFTER TALKS CONCLUDE. RE RECENT ROTATION, SAID CYPRUS GOVT HAD PERMITTED THIS TAKE PLACE FOR SAKE OF PEACE AND PROGRESS IN INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS.

3. ARCHBISHOP STATED PROGRESS IN NEGOTIATIONS DOES NOT YET REQUIRE HIS GOING TO ATHENS. HE REFUSED TO COMMENT ON WHETHER OR NOT HE WOULD RESIGN FROM PRESIDENCY IF CYPRUS PROBLEM SOLVED, NOTING THAT FOUR YEARS REMAIN IN CURRENT TERM OF OFFICE, AND IT TOO SOON CREATE PRE ELECTION CLIMATE. ASKED ABOUT DENKTASH INSISTENCE ON PACKAGE DEAL, MAKARIOS REPLIED THE HE "WOULD NOT PRECLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT THIS IS CORRECT."

4. TURKISH CONSTITUTIONAL EXPERT ALDIKACTI SEP 30 EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE IRRITATION WITH SPATE NEWS LEAKS CONCERNING TALKS. NOTED THAT ALL SIDES HAD AGREED THAT NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE SECRET. DENIED TURKISH SIDE HAD INTRODUCED NEW SUBJECTS. ACCORDING ALDIKACTI, IN FIVE PARTY SESSIONS DENKTASH HAD DEMANDED RIGHT FOR EACH COMMUNITY TO DEVELOP ITS LANDS. HE MERELY EXTENDED THIS TO INCLUDE FORESTS. IRRIGATION, TOO, HE MAINTAINED, WAS FIRST RAISED AT FIVE PARTY LEVEL. CONCLUDED THERE NO NEED CREATE PUBLIC UPROAR OVER SUCH MINOR QUESTIONS.

5. COMMENT: MAKARIOS REITERATION STANDARD GOVT LINE ON VALIDITY OF TREATIES AT VARIANCE WITH HIS PRIVATE REMARK TO AMBASSADOR THAT THE LESS SAID ABOUT THEM PUBLICLY THE BETTER (NICOSIA 1980). QUESTION COULD HAVE BEEN DUCKED. STRANGE, TOO, IS MAKARIOS GRATUITOUS DENIGRATION OF CONFIDENTIAL

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BAYULKENS MILD AND, ON BALANCE, POSITIVE UNGA ADDRESS.

6. MAKARIOS IS DIGGING IN ON INVALIDITY OF 1960 AGREEMENTS AND ON INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, AS WELL AS ON INTRA GREEK CYPRIOT MATTERS (E.G., IN CHURCH SOLUTION; SEE NICOSIA 2039). WE THINK TURKS HAVE POINT IN ARGUING THAT GREEKS SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN SURPRISED AT THEIR RAISING AGRICULTURE-RELATED ISSUES. WE NOTE THAT CLERIDES LINE TURNED TOUGHER ONLY

AFTER INTERVIEW WITH ARCHBISHOP (NICOSIA 1913). END COMMENT.
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